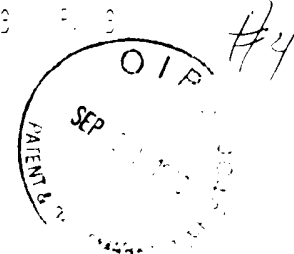




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**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) SUPPORTING ANOTHER'S CLAIM FOR
SMALL ENTITY STATUS [37 CFR §1.9(f) and §1.27(c)] - SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN**

I hereby declare that I am making this verified statement to support a claim by the above-identified applicant or patentee for small entity status for purposes of paying reduced fees with regard to the above-identified invention described in

[] the specification filed herewith
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I hereby declare that I am empowered to act on behalf of the small business concern identified below:

[] I am the owner.
[X] I am empowered to act as CEO of the concern.

Full name of the concern: Synt:em S.A.
Address of the concern: Parc Scientifique Georges Besse, 3000 Nimes, France

I hereby declare that the above-identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 CFR §121.3-18, and reproduced in 37 CFR §1.9(d), for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the above-identified small business concern with regard to the above-identified invention.

If the rights held by the small business concern are not exclusive, each individual, concern or organization known to have rights to the invention is listed below* and the concern knows of no rights to the invention being held by any person, other than the inventor, who could not qualify as an independent inventor under 37 CFR §1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR §1.9(d) or by a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR §1.9(e).

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